

DOCTOR KANE AND HIS PATIENTS.

The Old Seadog's Sloop Is a Floating Dispensary.

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BLUE HILL, Me., Sept. 11.—Captain Joshua Kane is preparing for one of his "medicine" voyages. The fleet sloop Libre is being loaded to the scuppers with demijohns of his famous and supposedly life saving cordials and cases of his "wonderful vegetable pills." News of the outbreak of an unusual number of new ailments among the captain's seafaring customers has reached Blue Hill. "Doctor Sallor Josh," as the old seaman is called, having the welfare of the afflicted ones at heart, lost few moments in fitting the Libre for a Samaritan cruise, notwithstanding the fact that he was not due "on the rounds" for a good three weeks.

Captain Kane and his mode of earning a living are well known to the denizens of the Maine coast. For many years he has been the only source of medical aid known to the hundreds of island folk living in the archipelago of the western Atlantic. His custom is to make the round of the isolated towns on the various islands stretched along the jagged shore line every six weeks, carrying with him in his yacht Libre a cargo of home made decoctions warranted to cure any and all diseases, chronic or otherwise, that the down east constitution is heir to. Wonderful vegetable pills are also to be had for the purchase price. One shilling will suffice for a box of the spheroids, so sizable that at first glance the stranger buyer has suspicions that he is getting a supply of ship's ballast. Both the cordial—dignified by the name of "Everybody's Tonic"—and the pellets are manufactured from the products of the fields and woodlands in the neighborhood of Blue Hill.

The doctor-sailor has always an abundant supply of his wares on hand. Moreover, he is wantonly reckless in the giving of samples. Any person imagining that he has a toothache, headache, stomach ache, headache, back ache or even a corn ache is at liberty to quaff of the tonic to his heart's—or rather to his stomach's—content. Then if the price of a bottle is not forthcoming Kane will shake his weather beaten gray locks mournfully, saying: "Waal, yer'll need it some day. Mebbe me an th' Libre'll be far out o' reach. Then yer'll bet yer ev been a fule."

After soliloquizing thus the captain will say no more, but busy himself about his craft.

The combination mariner and physician is very simple in his methods of conducting the traffic. Leaving Blue Hill, with its picturesque setting, he lays his course for the Isle au Haut. Half a day's sail before a fair breeze sees him safely anchored in the Seal Trap, near Moore's Head. The briny seadog then sounds a rasping tin horn to the full extent of his leathern lungs. Continued blasts bring fleets of dories and punts, managed dexterously by the natives in quest of the captain's medicines.

"Howdy, cap'n," is the greeting to the Libre's master from the keeper of the Trial Point beacon.

"Howdy yourself," he replies gruffly. "Wot's yer family's affekshuns now?"

"Th' gal's got a yaller look in her cheeks. She ain't es peart es she mought be."

"Let'er hev all o' this tonic she kin git outside o' 'er fer er day er two. Then feed'er pills 'eordin' ter dreckshuns fer two more. That'll fix'er."

The keeper drops some Canadian coins into the "cap'n's" hand, grasps his purchases and goes ashore.

Incidents follow each other in rapid succession during the voyage when once the Libre's cargo is opened and buyers of the medicine multiply. Pathos and humor go hand in hand. One man on Little Deer Isle wants something to make his dogs track deer without barking and so arousing the game wardens; another, perhaps a sardine packer or a lobster dredger from Monhegan, tells of a sick wife or a child needing immediate and skilled treatment. The captain knows the man's poverty; he knows there is no physician inside of a 50 mile sail and then only to be had for much money, but he cheers up the fisherman by giving him a bottle of his tonic and continues on his way, spreading sunshine as he goes.

The doctor-sailor has been blown a hundred miles to sea in his 35 foot sloop. He has been held up and robbed in Eggemoggin Reach by the piratical tinkers of Tinker's Island. He has been in collision with both sail and steam vessels in the fog swept channels, but in nowise daunted he continues his trading in among the rugged islands between Rockland Breakwater and Quoddy Head.

FREDERICK ROCKWOOD.

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Doctors still prescribe mercury and potash as the only cure for Blood Poison. These poisonous minerals never yet made a complete and permanent cure of Contagious Blood Poison. They drive the disease back into the system, cover it up for a while, but it breaks out again in worse form. These powerful minerals produce mercurial rheumatism and the most offensive sores and ulcers, causing the joints to stiffen and finger nails to drop off. Mercury and potash make wrecks, not cures, and those who have been dosed with these drugs are never after free from aches and pain.

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